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On page 150, at the beginning of the first of the two general formulæ, for "$\frac{1}{2}$" read $\frac{1}{2n}$,

" " 184, *dele* "r" in the Figure,